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Mr. Raymond T. Peschek W9 L J U
Pres. Milw. Radio Amateurs Club

Dear Ray,

This letter of sincere gratitude is written to show the deep underlying fraternal spirit shown by some of our fellow club members.

Several weeks ago I spoke to Tom Gattelman regarding the need of an antenna capable of a transmitting range than the present one which Tom, W9IZO had erected for me months ago. (better)

Tom immediately went into action and alerted Jack Doyle, W9GPI who at the following club meeting campaigned for volunteers to assist him in the actual work of precisely measuring and building the currently popular TRAP antenna.

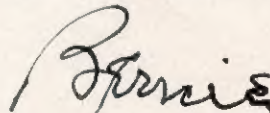
Arriving thoughtfully early on that Saturday morning were the following club members; Jim Shuster K9BUU, Allan Walthers KN9EAG, Gerald Kraczek, Bill Helm, Gerald Steffen, Jack Doyle W9GPI with all essential items for the antenna and Tom Gattelman W9IZO bringing essential tools etc.

Time permitted building but not erection of the antenna; One week later arrived Carl Rhode W9ROM from his home almost forty miles away. Unexpected Gerry Steffen Also showed.....and these two tree and roof climbers erected my antenna in an almost impossible place.

One week later club member Bob Harkness W9GZR offered the use of his highly effective AM transmitter, the 200 watt Viking Valiant. Final result? First is the deep, deep feeling of gratitude in my heart for each fellow Ham whose name appears in this letter. Of course I do enjoy the much larger number of solid contacts enjoyed since all this unexpected consideration and joy has come my way.

Ray I hope time permits your reading of this letter to the members attending the next club meeting. Well I think it's about time the sound of your gavel wakens the sleeping members sitting in the last row.

most gratefully yours



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